

RESOLUTION NUMBER 147

Ethel Ode

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that on July 9, 2010 Ethel will celebrate her 104th birthday;
and

WHEREAS, Ethel Bailey Agnes Jane Allen Ode was born in Whiteside, Missouri on July 9, 1906;
and

WHEREAS, Ethel is the fifth of nine children and she moved to St. Louis at age 14 and lived in the 6400 block of Wade Avenue; and

WHEREAS, since moving to St. Louis, she has been in the “Dogtown” neighborhood. It is here she met and married the late George Ode of “Dogtown,” and where their children were born and raised. Mr. Ode was an employee of Lehman Hardware Store; and

WHEREAS, Ethel herself owned and operated the “Laundry-Mart” on Tamm Avenue for many years. She was a member of Memorial Congregational Church; and

WHEREAS, not only a contributor to the neighborhood, she was ready with a loving hand to her 5 children, 23 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great grandchildren and yes, including their numerous “pets;” and

WHEREAS, she is fiercely protective, with a forgiving nature of family and friends; and

WHEREAS, a gift of reciting poetry, singing songs and a marvelous sense of humor are her hallmark; and

WHEREAS, always a friendly wave from her kitchen window overlooking the neighborhood, Ethel is the “Face of our Community.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize 104th Birthday of Ethel Ode and we wish her continued happiness and joy and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 9th day of July, 2010 by:

Honorable William Waterhouse, Alderman 24th Ward

Adopted the 9th day of July, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen